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FOR THE

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## AUDITORS' REPORT

OF THE

## SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

1st. Wherein they find them chargeable with cash received in sundry ways, as follows:

Cash received for savings bank tax \$1,999	19
railroad tax 247	77
literary fund 116	55
	25
county paupers 478	29
sale of liquor (former agt.)17	
	20
G. N. Watkins' estate	
as taxes 42	73
house rent 6	00
use of hearse out of town 4	00
highway tax, dist. No. 13 2	
highway tax, dist. No. 20 3	21
use of road machine . 1	00
sale of old bridge plank	50
sale of old strage plant	\$2,934 49
Which is accounted for as follows:	
Cash paid into the town treasury, as per	•
treasurer's receipts	\$2,934 49
SCHOOL DISTRICTS.	
2d. An account wherein they find the selectmen charged with orders drawn on the treasurer, amounting	
to	\$11,562 65

Which is account	ed for as follows:	
Paid High School		. \$250 00
High School	No. 2	. 250 00
District No.		. 187 35
	2	. 105 65
	3.	. 124 65
	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	. 107 55
	5	. 111 35
	6 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	. 124 65
	7	. 130 35
	8	. 109 45
	9	. 113 25
	10	. 196 85 . 149 35
	$\frac{11}{12}$	. 149 55
	13	. 111 35
	14	. 118 95
	16	. 113 95
	18	. 70 00
	19	. 117 05
	20	. 156 95
	24	. 99 95
		<b></b> \$2,855 50
STA	TE AND COUNTY	TAXES.
Paid state tax .		.\$2,604 00
county tax		. 2,929 50
county tax	March and Millian March 1994	\$5,533 50
		#3,333
SUPPO	ORT OF COUNTY	PAUPERS.
Paid for support	of Joseph Gage .	. \$104 24
	Betsey B. Gage	. 54 58
•	Marian B. Sargent	. 28 00
	Wrelton J. Felch	. 127 25
	Bertie L. Felch	. 5 00
	Marian B. Sargent Wrelton J. Felch Bertie L. Felch John G. Dwinnels Barnes Hazelton	52 55
	Newman L. Green	5 75
	Joseph W Hager	69 51
	Joseph W. Hager Julia Lynch .	$\begin{array}{c} \cdot & 09 & 31 \\ 2 & 12 \end{array}$
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## TOWN PAUPERS.

2011212222				
Assistance rendered Gustavus B. Wells Gould Brown Joseph H. Adams. Angeline A.H. Kelle Moses Keezer	42 49 y 175	25 00	\$336	98
ABATEMENT OF TAX	ES.			
Paid William Colby, list of 1873 Eli A. Boutwell, list of 1875 H. H. Crowell, list of 1878 H. H. Crowell, list of 1879 H. H. Crowell, list of 1880	\$3 5 31 58 27	66 69 59	\$126	87
DEDAIDING HIGHWAYS AND	DDI	0.01		
REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND	BKI	DG]	es.	
Paid N. Flanders, Jr., labor in highway Dist. No. 50 F. Spofford, labor in highway Dist.	\$5	12		
No. 45 J. S. Keezer, labor in highway Dist.	3	75		
No. 20	3	31		
J. M. Hook, labor in highway Dist. No. 20 (1879) G. K. Goodrich, building culvert in	9	35		
highway Dist. No. 38 W. Winslow, laborin highway Dist.	94	41		
No. 36	8	00		
Timothy Colby, lumber and posts in highway Dist. No. 45	4	46		
G. A. Stevens, labor on culvert in highway Dist. No. 38	10	00		
Enoch Danforth, railing and labor in highway Dist. Nos. 10 and 44	5	50		
E. A. Boutwell, labor in highway Dist. No. 52	14	25		
E. A. Boutwell, 1,005 feet hemlock lumber, culverts	11	05		
J. M. Putnam, drawing stone for highway Dist. No. 14	12	00		

Paid Cyrus F. Chase, labor in highway		00		
Dist. No. 14	9	00		
Dist. No. 2.	3	00		
N. C. Chase, stone and labor in				
highway Dist. No. 14	8	00		
David Seavey, labor on culvert in				
highway Dist. No. 14	9	00		
Moses Whittier, stone for culvert in	20	00		
highway Dist. No. 14	28	92		
E. A. Boutwell, 540 feet hemlock plank for culvert	5	94		
G. A. Stevens, labor in highway		34		
Dist. Nos. 2 and 14	13	00		
J. M. Connor, railing in highway		8-19-3		
Dist. No. 10	1	90		
M. P. Rand, labor in highway Dist.	all said	1 11 1		
No. 20	1	87		
Enoch Danforth, railing in high-	-	20		
way Dist. No. 12	1	80		
highway Dist. No. 14	6	90		
S. G. Bradbury, labor in highway				
Dist. No. 45	1	50		
			\$268	03
MISCELL ANEOUS DILL	a			
MISCELLANEOUS BILL	10.			
Paid John Stevens Kimball, auditor's				
services	\$9	00		
H. W. Greene, professional ser-				
vices, 1879	25	00		
G. A. Libby, lighting Contoocook bridge	6	50		
Tilton Symonds, board of auditors		50		
John M. Milton, snowing Tyler and		00		
Blackwater bridges	13	00		
F. D. Webster, damage to sleigh in				
Dist. No. 9		00		
E. D. French, services as supervisor		50		
H. S. Chase, printing town reports	36	00		
Morrill & Silsby, books and sta-	27	10		
tionery	41	70		

Paid	G. A. Curtice, services as super-	G	00
	visor	0	00
	ment	3	25
	Enoch Danforth, services as select-		20
	man after settlement	7	00
	G. A. Stevens, services as select-	113/11	100
	man after settlement	10	00
	George B. Hardy, notifying town		
	officers	8	00
	G. C. Blaisdell, returns of births and		
	deaths	5	00
	E. D. Smart, services as selectman	-	0.0
	after settlement	10	00
	G. K. Goodrich, services as super-	0	75
	visor	6	75
	cemetery fence		75
	John M. Milton, burying three		10
	horses	3	00
	C. H. Harriman, returns of births		
	and deaths	3	25
	Wardsworth & Livingston, guy rods		
	for derrick	15	29
	H. S. Chase, printing tax bills .	3	50
	Charles C. Lord, copying and re-		
	cording boundaries	13	55
	H. S. Chase, printing appointment		~ 0
	notices	2	50
	J. W. Wilson, returns of births and	0	25
	deaths	4	20
	fund for high-school books	24	19
	George H. Pierce, snowing Henni-		10
	ker new bridge	4	00
	T. W. Chase, clearing cemetery at		
	Contoocook	2	50
	Aaron Smith, labor in cemetery at		
	Lower Village	3	00
	John M. Milton, labor in cemetery	Marie I	-
	at Blackwater	2	00
	Isaac Rowell, snowing Rowell's		00
	bridge	8	00

Paid	G. A. Curtice, services as super-		
ulu	visor, and stationery		7 64
	Daniel F. Fiske, wood for town		
	house	6	2 62
	E. D. French, services as supervisor		7 50
	J. M. Putnam, Engine Co. No. 1,		00
	Contoocook	84	00
	George W. French, services as	0.	1 00
	George W. French, services as tramp police	11111	50
	E. B. Dunbar, building two water-	100	1 00
	closets at town house	50	00
			1 00
	E. B. Dunbar, repairs in town house		1 00
	Isaac Story, interest on Lerned	25	5 00
	legacy	40	) 00
	G. K. Goodrich, services as super-	30.	7 50
	visor		7 50
	H. D. Emerson; overtax	1 7	35
	F. S. Rogers, injury to self and	01	. 00
	sleigh in Dist. No. 45		00
	Thomas Hughes, overtax		L 80
	F. W. Morgan, services ss tramp		
	police	2	2 00
	Alexander Rogers, returns of births		
	and deaths	2	2 25
	E. F. Chase, services as tramp po-		
	lice	2	
	William Colby, error in taxes, 1880		90
	G. C. Morgan, bounty on hawks .	]	00
	Stephen S. Kimball, bounty on		4
	hawks		80
	Enoch Danforth, bounty on hawks.		00
	John M. Foss, bounty on hawk .		20
	G. M. Putnam, bounty on hawks.		40
	G. C. Morgan, bounty on hawk .		20
	Joseph H. Smart, bounty on hawk		20
	Stephen A. Morrill, bounty on		
	hawk		20
	S. E. Kimball, bounty on hawk .		20
	Willie T. French, bounty on hawk.		20
	Henry Bartlett, bounty on hawk .		20
	James O. Straw, bounty on hawks.		40
	Orrin Chase, bounty on hawk .		20
	C. F. Hardy, bounty on hawks .		60

Paid	Frank C. Danforth, bounty on hawk		20		
	S. W. French, bounty on hawk .		20		
	Fred Clark, bounty on hawk .		20		
	Enoch Danforth, bounty on hawks		80		
	G. A. Stevens, bounty on hawks .		40		
	J. H. Currier, bounty on hawks .		40		
	F. W. Paige, bounty on hawks		80		
	Abner C. Sargent, maintaining				
	watering-trough :	2	00		
	Elijah Spencer, maintaining water-				
	ing trough		00		
	G. A. Stevens, horse hire	15			
	Enoch Danforth, horse hire	14	50		
	Frank W. Paige, horse hire	5	00		
	David L. Gage, returns of births,				
	marriages and deaths	19	75		
	David L. Gage, drawing and notify-				
	ing jurors	1	75		
	David L. Gage, postage and sta-				
	tionery	4	75		
	Enoch Danforth, postage and sta-				
	tionery .		38		
	G. A. Stevens, postage and station-				
	ery	2	50		
	E. A. Boutwell, lumber for ceme-	_			
	tery fence	4	66		
	H. H. Crowell, non-resident high-	_			
	way tax paid in labor .	. 11	93		
	The state of the s			\$593	56
				#	
	SCHOOL-HOUSE TAX	ζ.			
Paid	Charles Lord, repairs on school-	<b>#</b> 100	00		
	house, Dist. No. 13	\$100	00		
	John M. Milton, repairs on school-				
	house, Dist. No. 19.	25	00	040#	
				\$125	00
	DISTRIBUTION OF DOG	TAX.			
D. : 1	Cl				
raid	Sherman F. Holmes, two sheep	6	00		
	killed by dogs	0	00	<b>DC</b>	00
				\$6	00

### TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid H. M. Edmunds, services as super- intending school committee after				
settlement	\$1	50		
Charles C. Lord, services as super- intending school committee . C. A. Stone, services as superin-	45	55		
tending school committee . Thomas B. Richardson, services as	40	00		
superintending school committee Gilmon A. Stevens, services as se-	20	00		
lectman	130	50		
Enoch Danforth, services as select-	117	00		
Frank W. Paige, services as select-	65	00		
David L. Gage, services as town	25	00		
Henry H. Crowell, services as collector	100	00		
Isaac D. Merrill, services as treasurer.	50		<b>\$</b> 596	55
			фобо	00
TOWN NOTES.				
Paid John F. Jones, note and interest to		50		
John F. Jones, note and interest to date	136	87	<b>\$</b> 642	37
			ALC TOWN	0.0

#### FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Town bonds ag	gainst to	wn .			. \$16,100	00
Taxes, uncolle	cted lists	, 1872–73		\$17	80	
66	66	1874-75	**	49	43	
66	- 46	1876-77		39	78	
66	66	1878		157	14	
46	66	1879		154	63	
66	66	1880	. \$9	2,211	56	
Cash on hand				1,098		
						40
Amount o	f indebte	dness .			\$12,371	60
		GILI	MON .	A. STE	EVENS,	

GILMON A. STEVENS, ENOCH DANFORTH, FRANK W. PAIGE,

Selectmen of Hopkinton.

The auditors find the accounts of the selectmen correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN F. JONES, DAVID L. GAGE, JOHN F. CURRIER,

Auditors.

HOPKINTON, Feb. 25, 1881.

### AUDITORS' REPORT

ON THE

# TOWN TREASURER.

I. D. Merrill, in account with the town of Hopkinton, as treasurer for 1880:—

#### 1. TAX ACCOUNT.

Resident tax	.\$10,352 04 . 369 81 . 102 00 . 103 66 . 28 13 ————————————————————————————————————
Taxes uncollected for 1872–73 1874–75 1876–77 1878–79	. \$41 41 . 66 43 . 39 78 . 2,005 83 ————————————————————————————————————
	\$13,109 09
Accounted for as follows:—	
Cash from collector, 1872-73 1874-75 1878-79 1880	. \$18 15 . 17 00 . 1,694 06 . 8,744 08
Error in tax-list of 1872-73.	\$1,0473 29 5 46

Taxes uncollected for 1872–73 . \$17 80 1874–75 . 49 43 1876–77 . 39 78 1878–79 . 311 77 1880 . 2,211 56	\$2,630 34
	\$13,109 09
2. AN ACCOUNT OF THE LERNED LI	EGACY.
Securities on hand	\$530 <b>00</b>
Accounted for as follows:—	
Securities on hand \$500 00 Interest carried to cash account . 30 00	\$530 00
3. CASH ACCOUNT.	
Cash on hand, as per settlement, March 1, 1880 \$1,246 50	
March 1, 1880 \$1,246 50  Cash received from collector of taxes, 1872–73 18 15  Cash received from collector of	
taxes, 1874–5	
Cash received from collector of taxes, 1878–9 1,694 06	
Cash received from collector of taxes, 1880 8,744 08	
Cash received from highway tax, Dist. No. 20	
Cash received from highway tax, Dist. No. 13 2 85	
Cash received from savings bank tax 1,999 19	
Cash received from railroad tax . 247 77	
Cash received from literary fund . 116 55	
Cash received from insurance tax . 5 25 Cash received from support of	
county paupers 478 29	
Cash received from bounty on hawks 9 20	

Cash received from interest on	
Lerned legacy 30	00
Cash received from use of road ma-	
	00
Cash received from use of hearse	
	00
Cash received from house rent . 6	00
Cash received from sale of old plank	50
Cash received from estate of G. N.	
Watkins 42	73
Cash received from liquor agency . 17	
	<del>\$14,684 28</del>
Accounted for as follows:—	W. 2.900 2 200
Orders drawn by selectmen \$11,636	22
Coupons on bonds paid 1,032	00
Bonds paid 900	
Interest on bonds paid	
Cash on hand 1,098	06
	\$14,684 28

The auditors certify that they have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN F. JONES, DAVID L. GAGE, JOHN F. CURRIER,

Auditors.

HOPKINTON, Feb 25, 1881.

#### REPORT

OF THE

#### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The common schools of this town have for the past year been conducted in circumstances somewhat peculiar. The limitation of the common-school money to the amount required by law, and its different distribution among the districts, are facts too well known to need description. By the provisions of the laws of the State, nearly every dollar of our enforced common-school fund is raised upon the pecuniary valuation of the town, and virtually pledged for the instruction of all the school children, be they few or many. [See General Laws of New Hampshire, chapter 85, sections 1, 3, 4.] We doubt if there has ever been a time in the history of the town when the opportunities for common-school instruction have been so uniform throughout its entire territory as during the past year.

Incidentally, the common schools of the past year have suffered certain misfortunes. The inclemency of the present winter, incurring sudden and temporary suspensions of travel, has in some instances been damaging. In some cases there has been a carelessness in attendance, that appears to indicate a loss of vital interest in the uses implied in the existence of common schools. We are obliged to say that some of our people do not seem to care whether they improve the advantages of the schools or not, though

this remark essentially covers cases that are perennial in their occurrence. There are other cases in which some special cause of disaffection leads a person of consistent intentions to seek redress, as he has a right to do; but in the majority of such cases it is bad policy to remove children from school, since such an act tends to prevent the superintending school committee, when solicited, from reaching the conclusions that may be most just. The law allows the committee, upon occasion, to directly readjust its own work, so to speak, by entering and correcting abuses in school; but if the school is not in the school-house this power is lost.

The particular history of each term of common school is contained in statistical table No. 1. We have omitted extended descriptive reports, under a conviction of their comparative impotence to fulfill the best and safest ends, unless much more is made of them than has usually been done in the history of the town. A feature of injustice often attends the publishment of such reports. The position of the teacher is often misinterpreted. A new instructor may fail simply through inexperience. Why should this fact be bruited abroad to the future disadvantage of a person committing no fault, but only subject to a common liability? A person may also fail in one place and succeed in another, and vice versa, and satisfaction in one case will be recognized without the advice of official authority.

Justice, however, seems to require us to explain the meaning of the last column of statistical table No. 1, so far as to say that the judgment expressed represents the result of all the apparent circumstances that make up a term, and not the situation with respect to any single fact.

#### HIGH SCHOOLS.

Pursuant to the vote of the town at the last annual meeting in March, the superintending school committee, in conjunction with the selectmen, divided the town into two

high-school districts on the fifteenth day of May. Subsequently to this act, the committee had no responsibility other than that obtaining in the supervision of commonschool districts. It became the duty of the superintending school committee to fix the standard of admission to the high schools and decide what text-books should be there used. These two acts were performed with reference to the general intellectual privileges heretofore afforded by the schools of the town, and the good books already in use. Unfortunately, we cannot state perfect conclusions of the results of the year's work, since we are obliged to make our annual report while the schools are yet in session. We feel confident in saying that our high-school scholars have made a good beginning, taking into consideration the ability of the town to aid them the present year. If it should be the pleasure of the town to continue to support its high schools, we shall look for improved results.

An act of the last legislature of the State empowered the superintending school committee and selectmen to expend one-fifth of the literary fund assigned to any city or town in the purchase of any illustrative apparatus for the use of schools. [See Laws of 1879, chapter 53, section 1.] The amount accruing in this town from such source being very small,—twenty-four dollars and forty-nine cents,—the division of it among the common-school districts would amount to only a mere pittance to each; consequently, a decision was made to divide the amount between the two highschool districts. A Webster's Unabridged Dictionary and a complete students' atlas of the world were therefore placed in each high-school district, at an expense of twenty-two dollars and eighty cents, leaving a balance of one dollar and sixty-nine cents to be returned to the town treasury, since the fund cannot legally accumulate from year to year. We take pleasure in saying that much use has been and is being made of these works of reference by

the scholars of our high schools, and there is no intelligent reason to regret their purchase.

Statistical table No. 2 gives the essential particulars of the high schools of the town as they were on Monday, the fourteenth day of the present month of February. We anticipate that the end of the year will show increased particulars of attendance.

#### IN GENERAL.

For the further information of the town, we offer the following additional statistics:—

	1879.	1880
	396	405
Scholars at school during year	315	327
Scholars at school over sixteen years of age	23	49
Respectfully submitted		

CHARLES C. LORD, CLARENDON A. STONE, THOMAS B. RICHARDSON,

Superintending School Committee.

HOPKINTON, Feb. 19, 1881.

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#### STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1.—COMMON SCHOOLS.

Districts.	Scholars in Districts.	At school during year.	Terms.	Teachers.	Weeks.	Pupils.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Other studies	Success of Term.
1	54	37	1 2		10 10	25 25 38 38		11 13	$\frac{20}{31}$	12 22	6	1	7	Good.
2	11	12	1 2	Ada M. Whittemore	8 9	10 10 8 8	10	8 5	5 4	4 3	3		2	Superior. Inferior.
3	21	17	1 2	Clara A. Flanders	8	15 15 17 17		10	15	7 6	5		1	Good.
4	12	5	1 2	Etta Moulton	8	4 4 5 5	4 5	44	44	44	3			Superior. Good.
5	14	12	1 2 3	Stella M. Phelps	9 7 7	8 8 12 12 11 11	12	4777	5 10 9	5 6	3 3			Good. Good. Superior.
6	21	8	1 2 3	Anna M. Green	9 8	8 8 7 7 7 7 7 7	7	8 7 7	8 7 7	1 1 8	2 2 5	2 2 2	1 1	Good. Good. Superior.
7	24	19	1 2 3	Kate J. Kimball	10 9	12 12 10 10 10 10	10	10	8	8	5 5	2		Good.
8	13	11	1 2	Kate J. Kimball	7 8 13	3 3 10 10	3	2	2	10 2 8	1			Superior. Good. Inferior.
9	15	14	1 2	M. E. Barnard	11 12	11 11 10 10	10	9	8	9	7 4	1	6	Superior.
0	59	39	1 2	Lillie M. Whitney Lizzie A. Fogg	6	32 32 22 22	21	8	12	8 9	6	4	0	Good. Superior.
1	34	27	3 1 2 3	Henry D. Dustin Luella E. Straw Luella E. Straw Frank P. Annis	10 7 7 12	20 20 19 19 23 23 20 20	19 23	16 15	16 21	9 6 17 8	7 7 9	1		
2	12	8	1 2	Mary C. Foss	10 12	8 8	8	8	5	2	2 3		1 5	Superior.
3	14	8	1 2	Hattie M. Hodgdon	8	8 8	8		6 5	6 5	3			Good. Superior.
4	18	14	1 2	Carrie J. Dow	10 12	11 11 14 14	11	11	8	3 10	47	1		Superior. Unknown.
6	15	12	1 2	Lizzie A. Fogg	9	7 7 9 9	9		6	3 4	3			Good. Good.
8	5	3	1 2	M. A. Abbott	10 13	8 8	6	4	3	2	1	1		Superior. Unknown.
9	17	20	1 2	Alma J. Morse	$\frac{10}{11\frac{1}{2}}$	15 15 21 21	21	14			7 11	-	1 2	Good.
0	38	30	1 2 3	H. Paulina Heath H. Paulina Heath Thomas B. Richardson	10	24 24 19 19 22 21	19	17	16	5 8 10	2	2	11	Good.
4	8	7	1 2 3	Abbie C. Page	10 8 8 10	8 8	4	3	8	3	3 6 5	3	1	Good.

<sup>\*</sup>Closed without examination.

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#### STATISTICAL TABLE No. 2.—HIGH SCHOOLS.

	District	No. I.	District	No. II.		Dist. No.II
Terms and aggregates for the year  Weeks. Scholars resident. Scholars resident. Scholars non-resident. Resident scholars not in common school. Scholars in reading.  """ """ """ """ """ """ """ """ """	8 30 29 1 28 28 28 26 11 30 5 1 1 8	Sec 10 36 36 36 34 35 32 9 18 7 1 2 7 6 2 2 2 1 1 1	First. 10 35 28 7 35 35 30 6 25 4 15 4 1 4 4 5 6 2 4	Sec. 8 17 16 1 8 10 5 14 6 8 1 8 1	Year. 18 45 44 1 9	Year. 18 44 36 8 15

Note.—The High School in district No. 1 is under the charge of Mr. Charles M. Sargent, teacher of both terms; the first term in district No. 2 was under the charge of Mr. Thomas B. Richardson, with Miss Lillian M. Whitney as assistant, who is in charge of the econd term.